

Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~The present invention provides a stress responsive promoter.~~

The environmental stress responsive promoter of the present invention comprises DNA of the following (a), (b) or (c):

- (a) DNA consisting of any nucleotide sequence selected from SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 18;
- (b) DNA consisting of a nucleotide sequence comprising a deletion, substitution or addition of one or more nucleotides relative to any nucleotide sequence selected from SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 18, and functioning as an environmental stress responsive promoter; and
- (c) DNA hybridizing under stringent conditions to DNA consisting of any nucleotide sequence selected from SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 18, and functioning as an environmental stress responsive promoter.